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## PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

### SCHEDULED MEETINGS

*Friday, 30 October 1998*

**SECURITY COUNCIL**

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| 10.30 a.m. | consultations of the whole (closed) | Consultation Room |

Iraq

Other matters

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| Morning* | 3938th meeting | Security Council Chamber |

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation concerning Western Sahara

   Report of the Secretary-General on the situation concerning Western Sahara (S/1998/997)

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* Following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION 661 (1990) CONCERNING THE SITUATION BETWEEN IRAQ AND KUWAIT

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| 3.30 p.m.* | 175th meeting (closed) | Conference Room 7 |

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* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same room, immediately following the meeting. Following the oral briefing, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press in the Press Room.

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Fifty-third session*

**Committees**

### FIRST COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | 19th meeting | Conference Room 4 |
| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | 20th meeting | Conference Room 4 |

Thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 63 to 80 *(continued)*

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

### SECOND COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | 29th meeting | Trusteeship Council Chamber |

1. Environment and sustainable development [94]

   *Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.21*

2. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [97]

   *Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.22*

3. Macroeconomic policy questions [91] (A/53/60, A/53/62, A/53/69, A/53/185, A/53/416, A/53/447 and Corr.1, A/C.2/53/4)

   (a) Trade and development (A/53/15 (Parts I, II and III), A/53/510, A/53/331, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311)

   *Introductory statement and general discussion*

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| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | 30th meeting | Trusteeship Council Chamber |

1. Macroeconomic policy questions [91] (A/53/60, A/53/62, A/53/69, A/53/185, A/53/416, A/53/447 and Corr.1, A/C.2/53/4)

   (a) Trade and development (A/53/15 (Parts I, II and III), A/53/510, A/53/331, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311)

   *Conclusion of general discussion*

2. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93] (A/53/296, A/53/374, A/53/60, A/53/62, A/53/63-S/1998/100, A/53/69, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/96, A/53/124, A/53/155, A/53/168, A/53/204, A/53/371-S/1998/848, A/53/396, A/53/411, A/53/412, A/53/416, A/53/447 and Corr.1, A/53/453, A/53/493, A/53/506, A/C.2/53/4)

   (e) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s (A/53/553, A/C.2/53/3)

   *General discussion*

### THIRD COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m. | informal meeting (closed) | Conference Room 1 |
| Morning*-1 p.m. | 29th meeting | Conference Room 1 |

1. Human rights questions [110] (A/53/58, A/53/74, A/53/75, A/53/77-S/1998/171, A/53/79, A/53/80, A/53/94-S/1998/309, A/53/99-S/1998/344, A/53/131-S/1998/435, A/53/167, A/53/203, A/53/205-S/1998/711, A/53/214, A/53/215, A/53/225-S/1998/747, A/53/343, A/53/404, A/53/425, A/53/489**, A/53/493, A/53/494, A/53/497, A/C.3/53/4, A/C.3/53/5, A/C.3/53/7 and A/53/165-S/1998/601, A/C.3/53/9)

2. Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [110(a)] (A/53/40, (Volumes I and II)**, A/53/44, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/118, A/53/125, A/53/230, A/53/253, A/53/283, A/53/339, A/53/432, A/53/469)

   *Conclusion of general discussion*

3. Advancement of women [103]

   *Action on the following draft resolutions: A/C.3/53/L.10, L.11, L.12/Rev.1 and L.13*

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* Following the adjournment of the informal meeting of the Committee.

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m. | 17th meeting | Conference Room 3 |

1. Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B [145]

   *Conclusion of general discussion*

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

   Thematic reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/51/933, A/52/575, A/52/339 and Add.1, A/52/776, A/52/777, A/52/821, A/52/1010, A/52/1020 and A/53/467)

   *Conclusion of general discussion*

3. Joint Inspection Unit [165] (A/51/34, A/52/34, A/51/559 and Corr.1, A/52/206, A/52/267 and A/53/180)

   *Conclusion of general discussion*

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| Morning*-1 p.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 5 |

Informal consultations on agenda item 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development Account (A/C.5/52/1009 and A/53/7/Add.1))

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* Following the adjournment of the 17th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

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| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 2 |

Open-ended informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.3 entitled "Implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions"

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COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY

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| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | 194th meeting | Conference Room 6 |

1. Draft report of the Committee (A/AC.154/1998/ CRP.1 and CRP.2)

2. Other matters

COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION

*Twentieth session*

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| 3 p.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 1 |
| Afternoon*-6 p.m. | 9th meeting | Conference Room 1 |

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* Following the adjournment of the informal consultations of the Committee.

**ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL**

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

*Second regular session of 1998*

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| 3 p.m.-6.30 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 8 |

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**Committees**

THIRD COMMITTEE

*Informal consultations*

The coordinator of the draft resolution on the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, Mr. Busacca (Italy), will hold informal consultations *today*, 30 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A. Copies of the preliminary draft can be obtained in room S-2950.

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The Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, Ms. Sandru (Romania) will hold informal consultations on a draft proposal on the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women (agenda item 104) *today*, 30 October, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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## ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The informal consultations of the Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women, scheduled for *today*, 30 October 1998, have been postponed to a later date, which will be announced in the *Journal*.

# MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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*Friday, 30 October 1998*

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
*(item 104: Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women)*

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| 9.30 a.m.-10.30 a.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room D |

WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES GROUP

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| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 7 |

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
*(item 94 (a): Implementation of the follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, including the outcome of the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21; and item 94 (d): Convention on Biological Diversity)*

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| 3 p.m.-4 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room E |

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
*(item 91 (a): Trade and development; and item 98: Implementation of the United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty)*

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| 5 p.m.-6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room B |

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There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee *today*, 30 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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**Forum**

The Women's International Forum will hold a meeting *today*, 30 October 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The Forum will be addressed by Mr. Michael Douglas, United Nations Peace Messenger, on "Spreading the Message of Peace and Disarmament". Participants are asked to be seated by 10.45 a.m. All delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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**Seminars**

A seminar on the theme "Roll Back Malaria Global Partnership", organized by WHO, UNDP, UNICEF and the World Bank, will take place *today*, 30 October 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 6. Speakers will include Mr. David Nabarro, newly appointed Project Manager of Roll Back Malaria, WHO; Mr. Ok Pannenborg, Sector Leader, Health Population and Nutrition, Africa Region, World Bank; Mr. Kopano Mukelabai, Senior Health Adviser, UNICEF; and a representative from the Social Development and Poverty Elimination Division, UNDP. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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A seminar on the theme "The Impact of Reductions in Working Hours on Employment", sponsored by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will take place *today*, 30 October 1998, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. Professor Dr. Gerhard Bosch of the Institut Arbeit und Technik, Germany, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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**Informal consultations**

The informal consultations on agenda item 37 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development) will be held *today*, 30 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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**Announcement**

As from Friday, 2 October 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

*Monday, 2 November 1998*

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Fifty-third session*

10 a.m. — 50th PLENARY MEETING — General Assembly Hall

1. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) [49].
2. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/544/) [125].
3. Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/545) [136].
4. Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/546) [140].
5. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [14]:
   (a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Agency (A/53/286);
   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.18).

### Committees

**FIRST COMMITTEE**

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| 3 p.m. | 21st meeting | Conference Room 2 |

**SECOND COMMITTEE**

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| 10 a.m. | 31st meeting | Trusteeship Council Chamber |
| 3 p.m. | 32nd meeting | Trusteeship Council Chamber |

**SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)**

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| 10 a.m. | 14th meeting | Conference Room 2 |

**THIRD COMMITTEE**

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| 10 a.m. | 30th meeting | Conference Room 1 |
| 3 p.m. | 31st meeting | Conference Room 1 |

FIFTH COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 5 |
| 3 p.m. | 18th meeting | Conference Room 3 |

SIXTH COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m. | 18th meeting | Conference Room 4 |
| 3 p.m. | 19th meeting | Conference Room 4 |

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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| 10.30 a.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |
| 3 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |

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**Committees**

SECOND COMMITTEE

*Briefing*

Ms. Catherine Bertini, Executive Director of the World Food Programme, will brief delegations of the General Assembly on "Eradicating Hunger". The Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, Mr. David Prendergast, will chair the briefing. This meeting is in connection with agenda items 95 (Operational activities for development (relief/development linkages)), 103 (Advancement of Women), 98 (Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)) and 110 (b) (Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms). The briefing will be held on Monday, 2 November 1998, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee, beginning on Wednesday, 4 November 1998, as follows:

On 4 November, following the Committee's dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Mary Robinson: Mr. Max van der Stoel (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Iraq); Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on Religious Intolerance); Mr. Roberto Garreton (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); Mr. Jiri Dienstbier (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Former Yugoslavia); Mr. Rajsoomer Lallah (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar); Mr. Soli Jehangir Sorabjee (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Nigeria); Mr. Adama Dieng (Independent Expert on the Situation of Human Rights in Haiti); Ms. Asma Jahangir (Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions); and Mr. Francis Deng (Special Rapporteur on Internally Displaced Persons);

On 5 November: M. Michel Mousalli (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the Situation of Human Rights in Rwanda); and Mr. Nigel Rodley (Special Rapporteur on Torture);

On 6 November: Mr. Thomas Hammarberg (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the Situation of Human Rights in Cambodia); and Mr. Maurice Copithorne (Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for questions and comments.

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The 1998 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 1998 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held in two segments.

The joint opening of both Pledging Conferences will take place on Tuesday, 3 November 1998, at 3 p.m., in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to be followed by the segment devoted to the 1998 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme.

The second segment devoted to the 1998 Pledging Conference for Development Activities will be held on Wednesday, 4 November, at 10 a.m. and on Thursday, 5 November, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

It would be appreciated if delegations that have not already submitted the names of their representatives to both Pledging Conferences could do so to the Secretary of the Pledging Conferences, Mr. Alexandre de Barros (room S-2950-G, tel.: 963-2320).

The list of speakers for both pledging conferences is open until Monday, 2 November.

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The twentieth meeting of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee will be held on Monday, 2 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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## ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The second regular session of the Organizational Committee of the Administrative Committee on Coordination will be resumed on 2 and 3 November 1998 (Part II) in Conference Room 6.

# MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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## Seminar

A seminar on the theme "Accounting for Gender in National Budgets", organized by the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), will be held on Wednesday, 4 November 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The main speaker will be Ms. Diane Elson, Special Advisor to the Executive Director, UNIFEM. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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## Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 4 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m; Thursday, 5 November from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 6 November from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is *today*, 30 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

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## Briefing

The Permanent Representative of Japan, H.E. Mr. Yukio Satoh, will hold a briefing on the outcome of the Second Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD II) on Thursday, 5 November 1998, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Representatives of TICAD II, the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), the United Nations Development Programme and the Global Coalition for Africa will participate. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

# SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

*Thursday, 29 October 1998*

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

48th plenary meeting

*Adoption of the agenda and organization of work of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly: letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences (A/53/298/Add.2)* [8]

The General Assembly adopted the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences contained in a letter from the Chairman of the Committee (A/53/298/Add.2) to authorize the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories to meet in New York during the main part of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly.

*Cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee* [22]:

*(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/306);*

*(b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.9)*

The representative of India made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.9.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of the Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Cyprus), the Islamic Republic of Iran, Sri Lanka, China, Indonesia, the Philippines and Ghana.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/2 of 13 October of 1980, the Secretary-General of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.9 (resolution 53/14).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 22.

*Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization* [34]:

*(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/435);*

*(b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.14)*

The representative of Kazakhstan made a statement in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/53/L.14.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.14 (resolution 53/15).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 34.

*Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference* [26]:

*(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/430);*

*(b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.13)*

The representative of Qatar made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.13.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Turkey, Indonesia, Senegal, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Morocco, Malaysia and Tunisia.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 3369 (XXX) of 10 October 1975, the observer for the Organization of the Islamic Conference made a statement.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.13 (resolution 53/16).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 26.

49th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 49th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/210).

## Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE — 18th meeting

The Committee continued its second stage of work.

*Presentation and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda item 63 to 80*

The representative of Malaysia introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.45.

The representative of India introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.14.

The representative of Kyrgyzstan introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.2.

The representative of Nepal introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.5.

The representative of Mongolia introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.10/Rev.1.

The representative of Japan introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.42.

The representative of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.44.

The representative of Hungary introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.6/Rev.1.

The representative of Croatia made a statement on draft resolutions A/C.1/53/L.33 and A/C.1/53/L.20.

The representatives of New Zealand, South Africa, Sweden and the United States made statements on draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.48*.

The representative of Pakistan introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.34.

The representative of Belarus introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.1.

The representative of France made a statement on draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.40.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 13th meeting

*Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects* [85]

The Chairman drew attention to the report of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations (A/53/127) as well as to the draft resolution contained in document A/C.4/53/L.8.

The representative of Egypt, in his capacity as Rapporteur of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, introduced the report of the Special Committee contained in document A/53/127.

The Under-Secretary-General for the Department of Peacekeeping Operations made a statement.

The Committee began its general debate on the agenda item and heard statements made by the representatives of Denmark, Jordan (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Austria (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union (Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Romania) and the associated country Cyprus, as well as the EFTA country member of EEA, Iceland), Turkey, the Russian Federation, Thailand, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Bangladesh and Mexico.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate on the item the same day at 6 p.m.

SECOND COMMITTEE 27th meeting

*Sustainable development and international economic cooperation* [93]

*(c) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)*

*(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development*

The Committee began consideration of the sub-items.

The Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Bangladesh, Austria (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union (Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia) and the associated country, Cyprus, as well as the EFTA country member of the EEA, Iceland, which aligned themselves with this statement), the United States, the Russian Federation, Norway, China, New Zealand, Turkey, Benin, Lithuania, Mexico, Pakistan, the Republic of Korea, Myanmar and Lesotho.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the International Labour Organization.

The representative of the International Organization for Migration (an intergovernmental organization) made a statement.

The Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund and the Director of the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) made concluding remarks.

28th meeting

*Macroeconomic policy questions* [91]

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.20*

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representative of Indonesia introduced, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/53/L.20.

*Sustainable development and international economic cooperation* [93]

*(c) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)*

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.19*

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representative of Indonesia introduced, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/53/L.19.

*Sustainable development and international economic cooperation* [93]

*(c) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)*

*(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development*

The Committee resumed the general discussion on agenda item 93 (c) and (f).

The Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme and Acting Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Arab Emirates, Kenya, Trinidad and Tobago, Singapore, Japan, Madagascar, Ukraine, Croatia, Romania and Nigeria.

The representative of the World Food Programme made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on sub-items 93 (c) and (f).

*Macroeconomic policy questions* [91]

*(a) Trade and development*

The Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development made an introductory statement.

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The Director of the Population Division of DESA made a presentation on the 1998 revision of the official United Nations population estimates and projections.

THIRD COMMITTEE 28th meeting

*Human rights questions: Implementation of human rights instruments* [110 (a)]

The Committee began its general discussion of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Deputy Director, New York Office, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Bangladesh, China, Cuba, Benin, Cameroon and the Czech Republic.

*Promotion and protection of the rights of children* [106]

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.15*

The representative of Namibia, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Australia, Austria, the Bahamas, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Portugal, Slovenia, Suriname, Spain, Sweden, Swaziland, Trinidad and Tobago, the United Kingdom and Uruguay, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Côte d'Ivoire, the Czech Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, El Salvador, Micronesia (Federated States of), Romania and Ukraine joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

*Organization of work*

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Egypt, Cuba, the United States, the Syrian Arab Republic, Algeria, Zambia, China, Ethiopia and Austria as well as by the Chairman.

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under agenda item 110 (a) was Friday, 30 October, at 1 p.m.

The Committee agreed to modify the time-limits for statements under sub-items 110 (b), (c) and (e) as follows: (a) For individual delegations: speaking on one sub-item, 7 minutes; speaking on two sub-items, 10 minutes; speaking on all three sub-items, 15 minutes; (b) For groups of delegations: a maximum of 30 minutes.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 15th meeting

*Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations* [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil (on behalf of the MERCOSUR countries), Australia (on behalf of Canada, Australia and New Zealand), Malaysia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Singapore, Cuba, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Bahrain, Guatemala, Ukraine, Ghana and Costa Rica.

The Chairman of the Committee on Contributions, Mr. David Etuket (Uganda), made a concluding statement and responded to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Committee informed the Committee, that informal consultations on this agenda item would resume on Tuesday, 3 November, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Frank Smyth (Ireland).

*Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999* [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

*Utilization of the development dividend*

Statements on a procedural matter were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Austria (on behalf of the European Union).

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to postpone consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on the utilization of the development dividend (A/53/374) pending the outcome of the deliberations of the Second Committee on the matter.

*Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B* [145]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman made a statement and also informed the Committee that the list of speakers for the general discussion on this agenda item would be closed the same day at 6 p.m.

The representative of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Iceland and Norway) also made a statement.

*Organization of work*

The Chairman made a statement.

16th meeting

*Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations* [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

*Thematic reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services*

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the reports of that office (A/52/1010, A/52/1020 and A/53/467).

The Chairman informed the Committee that the list of speakers for the general discussion on this agenda item would be closed the same day at 6 p.m.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The representative of Japan spoke on a point of procedure.

The Secretary of the Committee responded to a question posed.

The representative of Japan made a statement.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services responded to questions posed.

*Joint Inspection Unit* [165]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit, Mr. Francesco Mezzalama (Italy), introduced the report of that Unit (A/53/180).

The Chairman informed the Committee that the list of speakers for the general discussion on this agenda item would be closed the same day at 6 p.m.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), the United States and Portugal.

The Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit responded to questions posed.

*Organization of work*

The Chairman made a statement. The Secretary of the Committee also made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 16th and 17th meetings

Note: The summary of the 16th and 17th meetings of the Sixth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/210).

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**Covenant on Civil and Political Rights**

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
United Nations Office at Geneva
Sixty-fourth session

THURSDAY, 29 OCTOBER 1998

1716th and 1717th meetings

*Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant* [4]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the fourth periodic report of Japan (CCPR/ C/115/Add.3).

In accordance with the Committee's rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

The Committee then examined concluding observations in closed session.

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**United Nations Conference on Trade and Development**

TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Forty-fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 23 OCTOBER 1998

*High-level mid-term review* [3]

The Board was informed that the Midrand Declaration adopted at UNCTAD IX in May 1996 had called for a special high-level review meeting two years prior to UNCTAD X, to be chaired by the President of UNCTAD IX. It was also recalled that, in its resolution 52/182 of December 1997, the General Assembly had welcomed the convening of a special high-level mid-term review meeting in 1998 which would contribute to the preparations for the tenth session of the Conference, to be held in Thailand in 2000.

In the absence of H.E. Mr. Alec Erwin, Minister of Trade and Industry of South Africa, the High-level Meeting of the Mid-term Review was chaired by Dr. Z. Rustomjee, Director-General at the Ministry of Trade and Industry of South Africa.

An opening statement was made by H.E. Mr. Nacer Touimi Benjelloun (Morocco), Chairman of the Mid-term Review process, followed by statements by Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, the Director-General of the Ministry of Trade and Industry of South Africa and the Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand.

A general debate followed with statements by the representatives of the following countries: Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77), Argentina (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group), China, United States, Japan, Malaysia, Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Guatemala, Cuba, Turkey, Norway, Republic of Korea, Switzerland, Russian Federation, Jamaica, Mauritius and Uganda.

At the conclusion of the discussion, the Board requested the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to prepare and submit to delegations, through the Bureau, a draft provisional agenda for UNCTAD X for the purposes of consultations with a view to approving the provisional agenda at the nineteenth session of the Board on 15 December 1998.

The Board was also informed that, for planning purposes, the dates for UNCTAD X could in principle be 12-20 February 1998.

900th plenary meeting

A briefing on the Partners for Development Lyon Summit was given by the Ambassador of France and the Secretary-General of UNCTAD.

*Adoption of the report on credentials* [1 (c)]

The Board adopted the report of the Bureau on the credentials of representatives attending the forty-fifth session of the Board (TD/B/45/12).

*Interdependence and global economic issues from a trade and development perspective: the causes, management and prevention of financial crisis* [4]

H.E. Mr. Pérez del Castillo (Uruguay), Vice-President of the Board, reported to the Board on the outcome of the deliberations under agenda item 4.

The Board adopted the draft agreed conclusions in document TD/B/45/L.2 and Corr.1.

*Report of Sessional Committee I on item 5 (Programme of Action for the LDCs)*

The report of Sessional Committee I was introduced by the Chairman, H.E. Mr. Pekka Huhtaniemi (Finland).

The Board adopted the draft decision concerning the convening of the Third United Nations Conference on LDCs contained in document TD/B/45/SC.1/L.2 and approved its transmission to the General Assembly.

The Board adopted the agreed conclusions in document TD/B/45/SC.1/L.3.

The Board also took note of the report of Sessional Committee I in documents TD/B/45/SC.1/L.1 and Add.1 and decided that it should form an integral part of the report of the Board on its forty-fifth session.

*Report of Sessional Committee II on item 6 (Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s)*

The report of Sessional Committee II was introduced by the Chairman, H.E. Mr. Mohamed-Salah Dembi (Algeria).

The Board adopted the agreed conclusions in document TD/B/45/SC.2/L.2.

The Board also took note of the report of Sessional Committee II in documents TD/B/45/SC.2/L.1 and Add.1 and 2 and decided that it should form an integral part of the report of the Board on its forty-fifth session.

*Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters* [9]

*(a) Review of the calendar of meetings*

The Board approved the calendar of meetings for the remainder of 1998 and for 1999 (TD/B/45/L.4).

*(b) Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board*

The Board was informed that there were no additional financial implication stemming form the actions of the session for the current biennium programme budget.

*Other matters* [10]

The General Assembly at its current session invited the Trade and Development Board to take a final decision at its forty-fifth session on the question of the selection, nomination and appointment of experts to participate in the expert meetings of its Commissions, so as to enable the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development secretariat to carry out the foreseen activities without further delay.

On the basis of a draft submitted by the Vice-President of the Board, H.E. Mr. Anthony Hill (Jamaica), agreement on this issue was reached in the Bureau. The Board adopted the draft decision entitled "Financing the participation of developing country experts in UNCTAD expert meetings" (TD/B/45/L.3).

*Adoption of the report of the Board at its forty-fifth session* [11]

The Rapporteur, Mr. Philippe Merlin (France), introduced the draft report to the Board. The Board adopted the report (TD/B/45/L.1 and Add.1-4) and authorized the Rapporteur to complete the report, as appropriate.

The Board authorized the Rapporteur, under the authority of the President, to finalize and complete the report of the Board to the General Assembly.

*Closing statements*

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77) and Austria (on behalf of the European Union).

## SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

### [MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

*Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 10 December 1984*

*Ratification:* Indonesia (28 October 1998)*

*United Nations Convention on Independent Guarantees and Stand-by Letters of Credit. New York, 11 December 1995*

*Accession:* Kuwait (28 October 1998)*

*Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996*

*Signature:* The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (29 October 1998)

*Amendments to articles 6 (6) and 7 (1) of the Statutes of the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology. Trieste, Italy, 3 December 1996*

*Ratification:* Croatia (28 October 1998)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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